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ABSTRACT

The survey population for the study consisted of 1,025 Vocational Preparatory completions in Sarasota County, Florida, from whom a 63% response rate was obtained. Information was sought concerning their availability for employment, employment experience, relevance of education to employment, place of work, wages, method used in securing work, present occupation, and rating of the quality of education. Fifty-five pages of the document contain the tabulated responses, without discussion, presented separately for all programs, health occupations programs, industrial programs, office occupations programs, secondary students, and postsecondary students. The 8% unemployment rate for the group surveyed was well below county and State averages for the same time period. Of those employed 64% felt that their present job was related to their training. Of the sample 22% were involved in some form of postsecondary training, of which about one-half were in programs related to their previous vocational training. When asked to rate the quality of the training they received 89% responded at the "good to excellent" levels. The survey form is included. (SA)

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1974-1975 COMPLETIONS

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1976 FOLLOW-UP STUDY

OF 1974-1975 COMPLETIONS

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INTRODUCTION

This year's VTAE Follow-Up Study was conducted during a new time period and with a redesigned survey instrument. In previous years (1972, 1973, and 1974) this exercise had always been conducted during October/November with the second stage employer evaluation survey taking place immediately afterwards--November/December mailouts. Except for minor revisions the survey form has been a close duplicate of the pilot instrument designed in 1971. Changes in both survey instrument and schedule were implemented this year.

The instrument (see page 4) has been changed significantly to accommodate veterans and CETA data as mandated by Federal requirements. The time schedule (see page 5) has been moved from a first mailout in October to a later date in February. State Department officials, who supply survey forms and set the schedules for mailing, changed the dates so as to give both graduate and employer respondents a significant period of time for more extensive experiences before attempting an evaluation on previous training.

This year's reporting format is being presented without the extensive narrative description and explanations provided in previous reports. The objective is to provide local decision-makers with needed data as soon as possible. With the existing change in survey mailout schedules, county reports, if reliant upon Information Services, would not be available until early Fall. This information is available to us now because of keypunching and item analysis completed by the local District Data Processing Department before surveys were forwarded to the State centralized reporting station. This local processing provides us with an individual choice as to type of summary and extensive computer runs, even to the

point of analysis by specific course. The numerous advantages of this method over the existing State reporting format should be obvious to those needing information as an indicator on which to base decisions.

The survey population for this study consisted of 1025 Vocational Preparatory program completions from the Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center and Riverview, Sarasota, and Venice High School's Home Economic and Co-op programs. A listing of specific courses and the respective numbers included in this survey for each course are in Table II, page 7. Additional secondary vocational enrollments who were graduated from our district high schools in June 1975, and who were not enrolled at Vo-Tech Center, high school Co-op, or Preparatory Home Economics, were surveyed as a part of the regular (PFU) high school follow-up study.

Of the 1025 former students surveyed, 643 responded within the official survey period, February 2-March 17, 1976. This represented a response rate of 63% which was the same as last year's survey. During the month following the survey period, and after sending all surveys to Information Services for State processing, an additional 46 surveys were received. These late returns have been analyzed and indicate a very similar response to the earlier survey returns. This additional information will be added to specific course reports. (The inclusion of these late surveys will result in a 67% rate of return.)

The strategies used to generate survey responses were basically the same used in past years. The importance of identifying the individuals to be included in the survey population as vocational preparatory completions cannot be over emphasized. State computer listings of students to be surveyed continue to include recent graduates who simply took any vocational course. Many hours were spent purging names

of graduates who took an initial course for other than job preparatory reasons. As a result, 430 survey forms were sent back to Information Services as non-preparatory students. (Experience has lead me to believe that this is a major reason placement rates reported by this survey in other counties, continue to be low or "unrelated." Many of the survey samples were not occupational preparatory completions.)

After identifying the survey population, and two weeks before the first mailout, all individuals received an ALERT card to inform them of the coming survey form. The following strategies were then implemented:

First mailout of survey with logo envelopes, personalized cover letter and stamped return envelope.

Personal phone contact to survey non-respondents

Second mailout to non-respondents

Personal contact to non-respondents by school-based staff, occupational specialists, guidance counselors, teachers, etc.

All returned surveys were forwarded to Information Services (FVTAEIS) on schedule. Because of the benefits and efforts of local data processing and the assistance of an additional staff person to coordinate the job placement activities, the enclosed reports are available at this time. Tabular summaries on individual courses will be available in the near future.

It is hoped that the information provided in these and future reports will not only increase your ability to allocate resources but will prove useful as you plan, conduct, evaluate and review vocational programs in Sarasota County.

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOLLOW-UP SURVEY

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Student and Vocational Program Information

CONFIDENTIAL

We need your help to collect information for evaluating vocational education programs in Florida. The information we are requesting will be used in improving present programs and in planning new ones. As a former vocational student, your activities and your opinions are among the most valuable input we will receive.

Please take a few minutes and complete the items on both sides of the sheet. The completed form is to be returned in the self-addressed stamped envelope which is enclosed for your convenience. No postage is necessary.

Sincerely,

Joe D. Mills

Joe D. Mills, Director
Division of Vocational Education

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Your Social Security No. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

THE WORDS, "THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM," REFER TO THE PROGRAM NAMED IN THE IDENTIFICATION BLOCK ABOVE. (Mark boxes below to indicate answers.)

1. Since completing or leaving this vocational program, have you been available for employment in the type of work for which the program provided training?

1 ☐ YES (If "YES" continue to question 2)
2 ☐ NO (If "NO" complete Item X)

2. Have you been employed since leaving this vocational program? (Military service is considered employment.)

1 ☐ YES (If "YES" continue to question 3)
2 ☐ NO (If "NO" complete Item X)

3. How would you classify your job? (Please check only one)

1 ☐ One for which you were trained by this vocational program. (Continue to question 4)

2 ☐ Related to Your training in this vocational program (Continue to question 4)

3 ☐ Not related to your training in this vocational program. (Complete Item X)

X. Check the one box below which best explains why you were not available for or not employed in a job related to your training.

1 ☐ I have continued my schooling.

2 ☐ My marital status changed, causing me to forego a new career.

3 ☐ I became disabled and cannot do this type of work.

4 ☐ I became pregnant, causing me to forego a new career.

5 ☐ I was unwilling to move to a new locality to take an available job.

6 ☐ I took the course for personal enrichment, avocational, or recreational purposes only.

7 ☐ Tried, but could not get job in field.

8 ☐ Another job opportunity came along first.

9 ☐ Have not tried to get job.

10 ☐ Other (Explain) _____

4. If you are presently employed full- or part-time where do you work?
(PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS)

Name of Firm: _____
Street or Box No. _____
City, State and ZIP _____
Name of your immediate Supervisor _____
What is your job? _____

(PLEASE TURN PAGE)

5. If you are not presently employed but have worked full or part-time since leaving this vocational program, where was your last job? (PLEASE PRINT COMPLETE ADDRESS)

Name of Firm _____
Street or Box No. _____
City, State and ZIP _____
Name of your Immediate Supervisor _____
What was your job? _____

6. Your average weekly pay (before taxes) is (was):

1☐ Under $50 2☐ $50-$74 3☐ $75-$99 4☐ $100-$124 5☐ $124-$149 6☐ $150 or Over

7. May we have permission to contact your employer about your success on the job?

1☐ YES 2☐ NO

8. Who assisted you in securing your first job after leaving this vocational program? (Check all that apply)

1☐ Vocational Teacher, Supervisor or Cooperative Education Coordinator
2☐ Occupational and Placement Specialist
3☐ School Guidance Counselor
4☐ Friend or Relative
5☐ State Employment Agency
6☐ Private Employment Agency
7☐ Other (Specify) _____
8☐ None of the above
9☐ Does not apply. I had the job before leaving this vocational program.

9. How many jobs have you held since leaving this vocational program? _____

10. What are you doing at the present time? (Check ALL appropriate items)

1☐ Working full-time (30 hours or more per week)
2☐ Working part-time (fewer than 30 hours per week)
3☐ Unemployed and looking for work
4☐ Unemployed and not looking for work
5☐ In School (full-time)
6☐ In School (part-time)
7☐ Full-time homemaker
8☐ In Military Service
9☐ Other (Specify) _____

A. Kind of School Program (Check ALL appropriate items)
1☐ Area Vocational-Technical School
2☐ Community Junior College
3☐ University/Four-Year College
4☐ Private Business/Commercial School
5☐ Military Specialist School
6☐ Company, Course or School
7☐ Apprentice Related Program
8☐ Correspondence Course
9☐ Other (Specify) _____

B. Is your current school program related to this vocational program?
1☐ YES 2☐ NO

11. Were you on active duty in the armed forces of the U. S. when you completed this vocational program?

1☐ YES 2☐ NO

12. How would you rate the quality of training you received in this vocational program?

1☐ EXCELLENT 2☐ GOOD 3☐ FAIR 4☐ POOR

13. Please list any suggestions for improving this vocational program.

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE ENCLOSED PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

Survey Schedule for Conducting Follow-Up
of 1974-1975 VTAE Graduates in Florida

December 10, 1975	Secure and prepare cover letters, return envelopes, ALERT cards, postage stamps, year-end class reports of students to be surveyed
December 15, 1975	Receive all survey forms and window envelopes from Information Services. Receive Master Control list of former students to be surveyed.
December 16, 1975- January 15, 1976	Purge Master Control list, identify VTAE preparatory completions for for survey population. Prepare for ALERT card mailout.
January 16, 1976	Mail ALERT card
January 30, 1976	Mail out initial student follow-up survey
February 17, 18, 19, 1976	Telephone contact to non-respondents
February 23, 1976	Mail out second follow-up survey to non-respondents, and distribute list to school-based personnel for individual contacts.
March 15, 16, 1976	On site keypunching of all returned student surveys, coded by individual course and school.
March 17, 1976	Mail all returned student follow-up surveys to State Data Processing Center (FVTAEIS).

TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

SURVEY AREA	SURVEY NUMBER	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS
TOTAL POPULATION	1025	643	63
TOTAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER	782	506	64
COUNTY-WIDE HOME ECONOMICS	74	32	43
COUNTY-WIDE CO-OP	169	105	62

TABLE II

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUAL COURSE RESPONDENTS

SURVEY AREA	SURVEY NUMBER	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS
RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS	17	10	58
SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS	24	14	58
VENICE HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS	33	8	24
RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP	41	24	58
SARASOTA HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP	64	43	67
VENICE HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP	64	38	59
AGRICULTURE	14	10	71
APPLIANCE REPAIR	9	7	77
AUTO BODY REPAIR	7	5	71
AUTO MECHANIC	22	14	63
CONSTRUCTION TRADES	11	6	85
COSMETOLOGY	27	23	85
CULINARY ARTS	13	11	84
DATA PROCESSING, INCLUDES KEY PUNCH	21	11	52
DRAFTING	12	5	41
ELECTRICAL WIRING	5	2	40
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	111	54	48
FIRE SCIENCE	69	38	55
HEALTH SERVICE AIDE	33	20	60
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS	14	4	28
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	101	64	63
MACHINE SHOP	6	3	50
MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT	13	10	76
NURSES AIDE	56	34	60
CLERICAL OFFICE PRACTICES, ADULT	83	50	60
SECRETARIAL OFFICE PRACTICES, SECONDARY	22	20	90
PLUMBING	11	6	54
POLICE SCIENCE	39	23	58
SURGICAL TECHNICIAN	12	8	66
UPHOLSTERY	3	3	100
WARD CLERK	27	16	59

Total County-Wide VTAE Tabular Summary

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	68
	NO	28
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	80
	NO	11
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		41
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		23
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		20

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	49
GOOD	40
FAIR	6
POOR	2
NA	4

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	11
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	2
3.	BECAME DISABLED	0
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	1
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	4
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	7
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	5
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	2
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	6
$50 - $74	10
$75 - $99	16
$100 - $124	19
$125 - $149	14
$150 OR OVER	20

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	89
NO	11

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	16
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	2
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	15
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	1
OTHER	18
NONE OF THE ABOVE	12
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING PROGRAM THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	31

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	54
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	14
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	8
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	3
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	7
IN MILITARY SERVICE	1
OTHER	4

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	13
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	9
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	22

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION.

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER	6
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE	11
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	3
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL	1
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL	0
COMPANY COURSE	1
APPRENTICE PROGRAM	0
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE	0
OTHER	4
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES 12 NO 10

County-wide Home Economics Summary

Riverview High School
Sarasota High School
Venice High School

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	29
	NO	71
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	61
	NO	29
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		4
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		21
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		36

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	50
GOOD	46
FAIR	0
POOR	0
NA	4

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X	
1. CONTINUED SCHOOLING	46
2. MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	4
3. BECAME DISABLED	0
4. BECAME PREGNANT	0
5. UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	4
6. TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	11
7. COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	4
8. ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	14
9. HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	4
10. OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	18
$50 - $74	18
$75 - $99	18
$100 - $124	14
$150 OR OVER	4

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	68
NO	31

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	0
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	4
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	0
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	23
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	0
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	4
OTHER	7
NONE OF THE ABOVE	11
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	14

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	25
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	25
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	18
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	4
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	11
IN MILITARY SERVICE	0
OTHER	0

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	54
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	0
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	54

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER	7	
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE	25	
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	14	
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL	0	
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL	0	
COMPANY COURSE	0	
APPRENTICE PROGRAM	0	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE	11	
OTHER	NA	
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	14
	NO	43

County-wide Co-op Summary

Riverview High School
Sarasota High School
Venice High School

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	60
	NO	39
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	78
	NO	10
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		16
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		39
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		30

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	30
GOOD	44
FAIR	15
POOR	7
NA	5

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X	
1. CONTINUED SCHOOLING	22
2. MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	0
3. BECAME DISABLED	3
4. BECAME PREGNANT	18
5. UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	3
6. TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	0
7. COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	15
8. ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	5
9. HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	39
10. OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	7
$50 - $74	21
$75 - $99	20
$100 - $124	22
$125 - $149	12
$150 OR OVER	10

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	85
NO	14

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	22
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	0
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	3
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	18
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	3
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	0
OTHER	15
NONE OF THE ABOVE	5
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	39

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	60
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	13
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	5
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	1
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	3
IN MILITARY SERVICE	3
OTHER	4

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	23
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	10
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	43

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER		4
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE		25
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE		3
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL		0
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL		0
COMPANY COURSE		0
APPRENTICE PROGRAM		0
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE		1
OTHER		1
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	16
	NO	15

Total Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Summary Of All Preparatory Programs

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	73
	NO	23
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	82
	NO	10
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		49
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		20
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		17

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	53
GOOD	39
FAIR	4
POOR	1
NA	4

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	7
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	2
3.	BECAME DISABLED	0
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	2
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	3
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	8
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	4
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	2
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	5
$50 - $74	7
$75 - $99	15
$100 - $124	19
$125 - $149	15
$150 OR OVER	23

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	90
NO	9

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	16
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	1
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	13
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
OTHER	20
NONE OF THE ABOVE	13
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	30

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	67
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	12
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	7
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	4
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	7
IN MILITARY SERVICE	1
OTHER	4

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	9
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	10
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	19

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER	7	
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE	8	
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	2	
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL	0	
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL	0	
COMPANY COURSE	1	
APPRENTICE PROGRAM	0	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE	0	
OTHER	5	
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	11
	NO	6

Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Health Occupations Summary

Emergency Medical Technician
Health Service Aide
Licensed Practical Nurse
Medical Office Assistant
Nurses Aide
Surgical Technician
Ward Clerk

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	78
	NO	20
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	86
	NO	7
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		62
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		16
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		11

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	59
GOOD	35
FAIR	3
POOR	0
NA	2

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	5
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	2
3.	BECAME DISABLED	0
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	1
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	3
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	6
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	2
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	1
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	7
$50 - $74	4
$75 - $99	14
$100 - $124	13
$125 - $149	23
$150 OR OVER	18

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	93
NO	6

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	15
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	0
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	1
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	7
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	1
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	1
OTHER	27
NONE OF THE ABOVE	17
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	28

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	69
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	9
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	5
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	4
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	8
IN MILITARY SERVICE	0
OTHER	1

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	8
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	8
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION.

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER	4	
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE	8	
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	1	
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL	0	
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL	0	
COMPANY COURSE	1	
APPRENTICE PROGRAM	0	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE	0	
OTHER	7	
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	12
	NO	5

Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Industrial Programs Summary

Agriculture
Appliance Repair
Auto Body Repair
Automotive Mechanics
Construction Trades
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Drafting
Electrical Wiring
Industrial Electronics
Machine Shop
Plumbing
Upholstery

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	69
	NO	27
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	79
	NO	12
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		43
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		21
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		22

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	46
GOOD	45
FAIR	4
POOR	0
NA	4

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	11
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	2
3.	BECAME DISABLED	1
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	1
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	2
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	9
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	7
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	1
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	4
$50 - $74	12
$75 - $99	23
$100 - $124	22
$125 - $149	10
$150 OR OVER	9

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	90
NO	10

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	22
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	2
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	31
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	1
OTHER	8
NONE OF THE ABOVE	11
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	16

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	65
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	9
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	7
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	3
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	2
IN MILITARY SERVICE	5
OTHER	1

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	13
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	8
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	21

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER		10
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE		7
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE		3
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL		1
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL		2
COMPANY COURSE		0
APPRENTICE PROGRAM		0
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE		0
OTHER		2
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	9
	NO	11

Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Office Occupations Summary

Clerical Office Practices, Adult
Secretarial Office Practices, Secondary
Data Processing and Key Punch

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	58
	NO	39
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	72
	NO	18
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		16
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		26
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		36

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	50
GOOD	38
FAIR	9
POOR	0
NA	3

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	8
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	1
3.	BECAME DISABLED	0
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	4
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	7
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	18
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	8
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	7
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	4
$50 - $74	16
$75 - $99	17
$100 - $124	30
$125 - $149	7
$150 OR OVER	4

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	85
NO	14

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	24
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	1
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	1
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	13
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	4
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	5
OTHER	18
NONE OF THE ABOVE	7
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	18

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	47
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	24
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	15
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	5
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	13
IN MILITARY SERVICE	0
OTHER	5

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	8
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	9
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER		8
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE		7
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE		0
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL		1
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL		0
COMPANY COURSE		0
APPRENTICE PROGRAM		0
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE		0
OTHER		3
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	8
	NO	7

Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Secondary Student Summary

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	63
	NO	35
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	82
	NO	10
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		32
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		26
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		31

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	61
GOOD	34
FAIR	3
POOR	0
NA	1

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	29
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	3
3.	BECAME DISABLED	4
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	32
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	1
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	0
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	7
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	9
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	15
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	7
$50 - $74	14
$75 - $99	29
$100 - $124	22
$125 - $149	9
$150 OR OVER	6

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	91
NO	8

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	29
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	3
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	4
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	32
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	1
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	0
OTHER	7
NONE OF THE ABOVE	9
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	15

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	59
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	17
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	7
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	2
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	6
IN MILITARY SERVICE	5
OTHER	2

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	21
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	7
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1975
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER	6	
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE	15	
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE	4	
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL	1	
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL	1	
COMPANY COURSE	0	
APPRENTICE PROGRAM	0	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE	0	
OTHER	5	
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	14
	NO	13

Sarasota County Vocational-Technical Center
Post-Secondary Student Summary

FIGURE 1

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

BY PERCENT

EMPLOYMENT AVAILABILITY		
SINCE COMPLETING OR LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, HAVE YOU BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED?	YES	75
	NO	20
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	YES	82
	NO	10
JOB CLASSIFICATION		
ONE FOR WHICH YOU WERE TRAINED		53
RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		18
NOT RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING		13

FIGURE 2

RATING OF QUALITY OF TRAINING

BY PERCENT

EXCELLENT	50
GOOD	40
FAIR	5
POOR	1
NA	4

FIGURE 3

WHY WERE YOU NOT AVAILABLE FOR, OR NOT EMPLOYED IN A JOB RELATED TO YOUR TRAINING

BY PERCENT

RESPONDENTS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED TO CHECK BOX X:

1-2 HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TYPE OF WORK, TRAINING PROVIDED.

2-2 HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE LEAVING THIS PROGRAM.

3-3 PRESENT JOB NOT RELATED TO TRAINING IN THIS PROGRAM.

BOX X		
1.	CONTINUED SCHOOLING	4
2.	MARITAL STATUS CHANGED	1
3.	BECAME DISABLED	1
4.	BECAME PREGNANT	2
5.	UNWILLING TO MOVE TO JOB LOCALE	0
6.	TOOK COURSE FOR AVOCATIONAL PURPOSE	4
7.	COULD NOT GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD	8
8.	ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY CAME ALONG	4
9.	HAVE NOT TRIED TO GET A JOB	2
10.	OTHER	NA

FIGURE 4

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY

BY PERCENT

UNDER $50	4
$50 - $74	6
$75 - $99	12
$100 - $124	19
$125 - $149	16
$150 OR OVER	27

FIGURE 5

PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMPLOYER

BY PERCENT

YES	90
NO	9

FIGURE 6

WHO ASSISTED YOU IN SECURING YOUR JOB

BY PERCENT

VOCATIONAL TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATOR	12
OCCUPATIONAL AND PLACEMENT SPECIALIST	0
SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	1
FRIEND OR RELATIVE	8
STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY	2
OTHER	23
NONE OF THE ABOVE	14
DOES NOT APPLY, HAD JOB BEFORE LEAVING THIS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	35

FIGURE 7

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT PRESENT TIME

BY PERCENT

WORKING FULL-TIME (30 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK)	69
WORKING PART-TIME (FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK)	10
UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK	7
UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	4
FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER	7
IN MILITARY SERVICE	0
OTHER	4

FIGURE 8

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AFTER COMPLETING PROGRAM

BY PERCENT

IN SCHOOL FULL TIME	6
IN SCHOOL PART TIME	11
TOTAL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION	17

FIGURE 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN WHICH 1974-1375
COMPLETIONS WERE ENROLLED AFTER GRADUATION

BY PERCENT

AREA VO-TECH CENTER		7
COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE		6
UNIVERSITY/FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE		1
PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOL		0
MILITARY SPECIALIST SCHOOL		0
COMPANY COURSE		2
APPRENTICE PROGRAM		0
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE		1
OTHER		5
IS CURRENT SCHOOL PROGRAM RELATED TO PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL PROGRAM?	YES	10
	NO	5

CONCLUSION

Return rates for VTAE follow-up studies continue to respond (given the same strategies) at a somewhat lower level of 5 to 10% than our regular high school survey. The response rate of 63% is still significantly above the state-wide average which has improved from 30% last year to 45% this year. Sarasota personnel have been instrumental in developing increasingly improved methods for generating student survey responses. It is hoped that this increased rate of return will continue on a state-wide basis.

Little has been done in the form of validity treatments of vocational follow-up studies in Florida. As return rates reach acceptable levels it is hoped that the confidence the users have in this data can be increased proportionately. One strategy used for this study locally, was to check the responses of late returns to those surveys received during the regular survey period. Recent research shows that results of late respondents coincide with the non-respondent survey population and for validity purposes can be considered as typical of non-respondent viewpoints. Late and regular (within the scheduled survey period) responses for this survey were analyzed for question 12, "How would you rate the quality of training you received in this vocational program?" There was no significant difference between these two groups (5%) for the "Good to Excellent" ratings. The "Fair" and "Poor" responses were exactly the same at 6% and 2%, respectively. This comparison lends one measure of validity to the reported data for Sarasota County Vocational programs.

From initial observations of the summaries some comments are of timely importance:

On the Total County-wide VTAE Tabular Summary, 28% reported not being available for employment. Box X, Figure 3 in this summary should give vocational guidance personnel indications as to the reasons for this response.

Of those available for employment, 80% had been employed, 78% were gainfully employed at the time of this survey. The 8% unemployment rate reported by this group is well below county and state-wide averages during the past year. Sixty-four percent of these former students who were employed classified their present job as "one for which you were trained or related to your training."

After completing their vocational program, 22% of this survey sample went on to some form of post-secondary activity of which approximately one-half were enrolled in programs related to their previous vocational training.

When asked to rate the quality of training they received, 89% responded at the "Good to Excellent" levels. Only 2% of these former students rated their previous vocational program as "Poor."

Just as positive, and similar to the county-wide analysis, are summaries for the Vo-Tech Center. Eighty-two percent have been employed since leaving the Vo-Tech campus, 69% in jobs for which they were trained or related to their training. The unemployment rate for this group was 7%. Ninety-two percent of these former students rated their previous program as "Good to Excellent." Only 1% rated training "Poor."

Services should continue to improve with the recent addition at the Vo-Tech Center of a full-time staff person to centralize all incoming placement information and to coordinate initial student employment requests.

The assistance of an additional staff person to coordinate our district-wide job referral program for graduating seniors, and the advantages of local processing of follow-up data have been most beneficial in getting these summary reports to you expediently.